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Application of: **Terence Charles HUGHES**  
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FLOTATION**

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26 January 2004

Dear Sir;

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This paper accompanies the application filing papers under 35 USC 111(a) of PCT/AU02/00994.

The applicant claims small entity status.

Prior to calculating the claims fee, without prejudice or traverse please amend the claims of the application to read as indicated following.